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In late August refugees in Pusan, particularly government opponents, were uncertain about the advisability of returning to Seoul. Although the National Assembly, the political parties and social organizations had moved, many refugees expressed anxiety about moving north for the following reasons:

- a. President RHEE had not lifted the emergency martial law in the Seoul district, although the cabinet recently voted unanimously in favor of lifting the law. [REDACTED] 25X1
- b. Many refugees feared that if the political conference fails, RHEE might order the ROK Army to attack northward. In this event, a possible Communist counter-offensive might again leave Seoul in great confusion, despite UN assistance in its defense.

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